

LAMMERT BROS.

ANTIQUES, APPLIANCES,
AND SURVEYORS.

Public Auctions

THE Undersigned hereby announce that the Business, Goodwill and Stock in trade of the Hongkong Motor Cycle Exchange not having reached the expected price will be put up for sale on the 3rd July.

The Stock in Trade

Comprising:—
Motor Cars, Motor Cycles,
Spare Parts, Tools, etc., etc., will be
put in Separate Lots

MONDAY, July 9, 1923,
commencing at 2.45 p.m.
on the premises, No. 40 Coronation
Road, Kowloon

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

On view now,
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, July 4, 1923

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

THURSDAY, July 12, 1923,
commencing at 3 p.m.
at the old premises of the Hongkong
Electric Co., Wing Fung Street,
Wanchai.

Two (2) 550 B. H. P. Diesel Generators Complete with alternators & excitors

Three (3) 300 B. H. P. Diesel Generators Complete with alternators & excitors

Two (2) 250 K. W. Steam alternators complete with excitors and switchboards

One (1) Babcock & Wilcox water tube boiler complete with fittings and chain grate stoker

One (1) Marine type boiler complete with fittings

Two (2) 50 K. W. Alternators (without engine)

One (1) Main Switchboard consisting of machine panels and feeder panels

One (1) Duplex Feed Pump

Three (3) Heenan & Froude type water coolers

One (1) Lot of steel steam pipes and valves

Two (2) Sulzer pumps

Three (3) Albany Notary pumps

Three (3) Fans for cooling towers and three (3) motors for same

One (1) Water tank

One (1) 120 Gallon oil tank

One (1) Set of spare gear for Diesel Engine consisting of 251 items

One (1) 10 ton Travelling crane and a Large Quantity of Structural Steel work on the premises

Now on View.

For Further Particulars and terms of Sale apply to the Undersigned.

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Hongkong, May 23, 1923.

MONDAY, July 16, 1923,
commencing at 3 p.m.

at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,
One Set of Mint Machinery

This lot comprises a complete set of Mint Machinery, capable of producing 100,000 (one hundred thousand) pieces 20-cent (twenty cent) coins or 200,000 (two hundred thousand) pieces 10-cent (ten cent) coins per working day of 10 hours.

Further particulars and inspection orders may be obtained from Messrs. Gilman & Co., Ltd., or the Undersigned.

Terms:—20 per cent of purchase money to be paid on fall of hammer. Balance to be paid within two weeks of day of sale.

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Hongkong, June 13, 1923.

FARES FOR PUBLIC VEHICLES.

The fares prescribed for public vehicles are as follows:

In the Island of Hongkong, Caine Road and Lower Levels, and in Kowloon, and New Kowloon.

HICKMAN.

Five minutes..... 5 cents

Ten minutes..... 10 cents

Quarter hour..... 15 "

Half hour..... 30 "

One hour..... 30 "

Every subsequent hour..... 30 "

If the Jurisdiction be engaged within the City of Victoria and he is discharged outside the Western part of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., or to be discharged to the East of Bay View Police Station on the Eastern side of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half fare shall be charged.

For the 3 drivers the fare is double or triple respectively.

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Prices on Application.

ODDS AND ENDS.

MAINLY SCISSORS LOOT.

Help for a Convict.

The Chief Constable of Blackpool, Mr. A. B. Dethan, in replying to a letter received from Thomas Kirkham, a convict serving a term of penal servitude at Parkhurst, Isle of Wight, for burglaries committed at Blackpool, wrote:—“As you say, we are preparing for a carnival. I am sorry you will not be able to see it, but as it will be an annual event, I have no doubt you will be able to attend many in the future. My detective officers are pleased to know you are improving after your accident and are anxious to give you all the assistance and are anxious to give you when you decide to remove your residence from the south to the north. I hope you will have a surprise some morning regarding the remission of your sentence.”

Marriage Tangle.

An Austrian prisoner in Siberia arranged in 1917 his marriage by proxy to his betrothed in Vienna, appointing his brother to represent him at the ceremony. The brother, being too busy to attend the church, asked a friend to deputise for him. The prisoner, however, was not informed that the ceremony had taken place, and married a Russian girl at Omsk. When he at last reached home he found the Vienna wife waiting for him and they lived happily together. But the Russian wife followed him and applied to the courts to annul the Viennese marriage, on the ground that the appointed proxy did not take part in the ceremony. The courts have now decided that the identity of the deputy was immaterial and that the Russian woman's marriage is void.

Chequers.

Some surprise has been expressed that Mr. Stanley Baldwin should have been residing at the beautiful old house of Chequers when Chancellor of the Exchequer, but although Chequers was given by Lord Lee of Farnham as the official country residence of the Prime Minister, and in the public mind has become identified with the Prime Minister alone, the trust deed settled by Lord Lee particularly stated that in the event of the Prime Minister not availing himself of it the use of the house should be offered in turn to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Foreign Secretary, the Colonial Secretary, the United States Ambassador, the President of the Board of Agriculture, the War Secretary, and others, the Manchester Guardian. Chequers is not an empty shell. It is magnificently and completely furnished, and the income of the trust fund, which is £500 a year, provides for the up-keep of the gardens and grounds, repairs the fabric and replaces the furniture, and gives at least £15 to the official occupant for every week-end he spends there. In the preamble of the deed Lord Lee especially mentions that he makes this great gift as it is not possible to foretell from what class or conditions of life the future wielders of power in this country will be drawn.

A Privilege of Peers.

The publication of Earl Russell's entertaining memoirs recalls the fact that peers charged with felony have the right to be tried by their fellow-peers in the House of Lords. Peers have the same privilege. Lord Russell was tried by his peers in 1901, but he was granted a free pardon by the King ten years later. The last peers to be tried by the House of Lords was the famous Elizabeth Chudleigh, Duchess of Kingston, in 1776, the charge against her likewise being bigamy. In her youth she had made a secret marriage with Augustus John Hervey, a poor naval lieutenant and grandson of the first Earl of Bristol. But for twenty-five years she passed as a single woman, cutting a great and rather notorious figure at Court. Hervey became Earl of Bristol, and wishing to marry again sought a divorce, but Elizabeth Chudleigh denied the existence of any marriage between them, and married the Duke of Kingston. He died four years later, leaving his Duchess a vast fortune on condition that she remained a widow. Three years after the Duke's death a bill of indictment for bigamy was drawn up against her, on information supplied by the Duke's nephew, and she was tried in Westminster Hall. Her marriage to Hervey, thirty-two years before, was fully proved, and the peers who went in procession in their robes from the House of Lords on each of the four days of the trial, found her guilty. As the trial went on she was liable to be branded on the hand, but she claimed the privilege which exempted peers from corporal punishment. A few days later she fled the country, and for the rest of her life wandered about the Continent, squandering money and gaining an unenviable reputation. The earl who called himself Duchess of Kingston, although she had no legal right to the title,

In the Spanish Palace, amidst much ceremonial, the Golden Rose, a gift from the Pope, was presented by the Papal Nuncio to the Queen of Spain. The Golden Rose, a beautiful piece of workmanship, valued at 50,000 lire, consists of a gold plated urn surmounted by a golden rose-bush with several branches, on which are twelve roses and seven buds. This gift was brought from Rome by Mgr. Sachetti, and during its passage to the Palace was accorded Royal honours by the guards and other troops on duty, and by the halberdiers inside the Palace. As is usual on such occasions, a large number of privileged spectators lined the corridors of the Palace to watch the Royal procession to the Chapel, where the ceremony took place, the rose being placed upon the high altar, and presented to her Majesty during the service.

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AN EXTRA GYMKHANA
A MEETING will be held (weather
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SATURDAY, July 7th, commencing
5.30 p.m.

The Charge for admission to the
Public Enclosure will be \$1.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half
price.

Members are advised that they must
show their Badges to obtain admission to
the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right of in-
troducing 2 non-members to the
members' enclosure, tickets for whom
can be obtained from Messrs. Linstedt
& Davis at \$5, to be paid up to FRIDAY
July 6th.

The Stewards invite the Ladies of
Hongkong to be present.

Hongkong, June 27, 1923.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of Six
Dollars per share for the six
months ending 30th June, 1923, will
be payable on TUESDAY, July 24th,
on which date Dividend Warrants
may be obtained on application at
the Company's Office.

The Transfer Books of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from MONDAY
the 9th to MONDAY the 23rd July
(both days inclusive), during which
period no transfer of shares can be
registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, June 25, 1923.



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THE CHINA MAIL.

SIR HENRY WILSON.
SIR W. ORPEN'S NEW
STORIES.

Interesting memories of Sir
Henry Wilson, the great Ulster
soldier (who was assassinated by
Irish fanatics in London last June)
are contributed to the June number
of the *Empire Review* by Sir
William Orpen, R.A., who painted
a notable picture of the Field Mar-
shal during the sitting of the Peace
Conference at Versailles.

He never could keep his sense
of humour down—not even when
he wished to cover it up by sitting
on it. Think of the Peace Con-
ference and his wry picture of
the politicians. "The little
Frocks, little Frocks in great
surroundings, all making a mess
of everything, dear little Frocks."

When he was a child, Sir Wil-
son says, he used to see Wilson and
his brother often in Dublin.

I remember well when they
appeared on the platform in the

morning—a sort of bustle spread
over all the little crowd waiting
for the train to take them to their
daily tasks in Dublin.

Such perfect clothes, such per-
fect figures, spats to wonder at,
boots to dream of; Sir Henry
always with a rain-coat thrown
over his shoulder, always with
yellow gloved hands clasped be-
hind him. His son called Rake
Face Wilson; his brother was
Drop Eye Wilson.

"While I was painting him," Sir
Wilson goes on to say:

He gave me his views on the
brains and merits of many of the
Delegates—views full of wit and
brilliant criticism. With all his
fun, Sir Henry was a deep thinker
and towered over the majority of
"frocks" by his personality, big
outlook and clear vision.

Sir William asked Wilson what
his opinions were about a great
British leader of the Peace Con-
ference, and he said:

"Well, little wimp, he's a funny
but a very clever little fellow.
He comes from a very small
place, and knows very little about
the world at large. He doesn't
think he's been injured."

even know this Europe, which we
are dealing with to some extent.
Sir Henry was devoted to his
mother, his home, and his country.

I remember him telling me in
1910 that neither he nor his bro-
ther had missed one day in 25
years in writing to their mother,
and she never missed one day
writing to them.

AN OMINOUS POSSIBILITY.

"Pretty bad fire you had here
last night," commented the recent-
ly arrived guest.

"Oh—yah!" replied the landlord
of the "Petunia" tavern. "The fire
company had it pretty nearly put
out, and then the mayor came and
took personal charge of the con-
flagration, and yelled orders till he
got the firemen so mixed up that
they couldn't do anything. And I
reckon if it hadn't begun to rain
directly the whole town would have
been holocaust. But I suppose it
might have been worse."

"Why could it have been worse?"
“Why the governor or a con-
gressman might have come and
taken charge instead of the mayor,
and it might not have ruined."

MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Crossing the railway line at New-
market to go to his allotment, Isaac
Raymond was knocked down and
killed by a train.

A train containing 100 miners
collided with an engine near Sloke-
on-Trent. Four carriages were de-
railed, but no one was injured.

Between £500 and £600 worth of
rings, lockets, and bracelets were
stolen from the premises of Fre-
derick Dixon, jeweller, 394, Oxford
street, W.

Many villages were devastated
and hundreds of their inhabitants
killed by a violent earthquake which
has occurred at Tarbat-I-Haidari,
in N.E. Persia.

The house of the Dowager Lady
Mainwaring, at South Ascot, Ber-
kshire, was ransacked, and rings and
other articles to the value of about
£120 were stolen.

Mr. W. V. Nevill, head of the
Nevill engineering and iron foundry,
at Llanelli, Carmarthen, and a
prominent churchman and Conserva-
tive, died aged 73.

From the estate of a former
female inmate of their institution,
Hungerford, Berkshire, guardians
have recovered £187 in respect of
three years' maintenance.

Mr. Samuel Gibson, farmer, of
Hardwick, near Cambridge, was
found shot dead in a field on his
farm. He was a member of the
Cambridge County Council.

Hunting rights are to be let on the
uninhabited island of Jan Mayen,
north of Iceland, and six days sail
from Leith, where blue fox and
Polar bear are said to abound.

Gad's Hill Place, near Rochester,
formerly the home of Charles
Dickens, is shortly to be offered by
auction by Messrs. Knight, Frank
and Rutley, of Hanover-square, W.

The Royal Academy has purchased
under the terms of the Chantrey
bequest an oil painting, "Phil
May," by the late Sir James J.
Shannon, R.A. It is now on view
at the Academy exhibition.

Stepping from the London train
before it had stopped at Brighton
Station, Mr. John Todd, 78, of
Compton-avenue, Brighton, fell be-
tween the platform and the car-
riages and received fatal injuries.

As the Ministry of Health would
not allow them to run a service with
six single-deck motor-omnibuses
they bought for £8,000, the Hull
Corporation is considering an offer
of £4,000 from the owner to re-
purchase them.

Charges of falsifying accounts and
fraudulently converting £270 be-
longing to the Inland Revenue were
made against Edward Leslie Car-
michael, income-tax collector, at
Neath, Glamorgan. He was sent
for trial.

The Swedish Liberals national
organisation by 77 votes to 55
adopted Prohibition as the party
programme, thus forcing a split
with the anti-Prohibitionists in the
party, who will now proceed to form
a new party.

At a Brighton inquest on Ursula
Donovan, 59, a trained nurse, who
died from cancer of the throat, it
was stated that being a Christian
Scientist she refused to have a
doctor. Death from Natural Causes
was the verdict.

Returning from Winfield, near
Windsor, on his bicycle, a gardener
named Harling, 62, of Chertsey,
collided with a motor-car and died.
Passengers in a passing motor-coach
got out so that the man could be
taken to hospital in the vehicle.

Shipyard employees and repre-
sentatives of the Boilermakers
Society will discuss proposals for a
settlement of the lock-out of boiler-
makers caused by their refusal to
accept an overtime agreement made
with the Federation of Engineering
and Shipbuilding Trades.

A costume ball, fashion, parade
head-dress competition, a cabaret
and bazaar were the features of the
Fête-Dé-L'Enfant Cordiale at the
Hotel Cecil, in aid of the French
National Committee of Laboratories
for Scientific Research and British
War Charities.

On the ground that liquor was
sold during prohibited hours in the
vicinity, the Grimsby, which was
said to be a limited liability com-
pany with a capital of £10,000, the largest
shareholder, the Grimsby, bench
ordered the premises to be closed
and not to be used as a club for 12
months.

UNKNOWN COUNTESS.

MARRIAGE HIDDEN FOR 7 YEARS.

A romance of the peerage which
for seven years has been kept a
secret is disclosed by the death
of the Earl of Breadalbane after a
long illness in a Bournemouth nursing
home.

John Edward Herbert Campbell,
8th Earl of Breadalbane, succeeded
to the title last October on the death
of his uncle. Although much space
is devoted to the Breadalbane family
in Debrett, Burke, Oliver
and Boyd's Almanac, and other refer-
ence books, the earl does not
figure as a married man.

The secret was known to a few
only. On September 18, 1916, as
John Edward Herbert Campbell, a
naval lieutenant and bachelor of
31, he married in St. Giles register
office, Bloomsbury, Miss Marie
Laura Reeves-Hunt, 26, a theatrical
artist, of 25, Marchmont-street,
Bloomsbury. His address at the
time of the marriage was given as
22, Bernard-street, W.C. In the
marriage certificate he is described
as the son of John Campbell, a
captain in the Cameron Highlanders.

While the earl lay dying in
Bournemouth, the quiet, patient
woman who watched beside his
bed was known as Mrs. Campbell.
Before her marriage she frequently
appeared on the stage in sketches.

marriage were S. Rogers and G.
Rowley.

Although to the world he was
regarded as a bachelor, his wife
was at Bournemouth during his
illness and watched at his bedside
for days.

HEIR A DISTANT COUSIN.

In several accounts published of
the earl's death he was described
as unmarried. According to the
reference books the new earl is
Captain Charles William Campbell,
who was distant cousin to the 8th
Earl.

Now that the secret is a secret
no longer all the reference books
will have to show the late earl as a
married man and give his widow,
who for 7 years has, so far as the
peerage is concerned, had no
official existence, the title of Mar-
quess of Breadalbane.

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Pianace Navy Cut 1 lb Tin \$1.20
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THE HONGKONG CIGAR STORE CO., LTD.

BIRTH.

ANDERSON.—On July 4 to Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson a son.

DEATH.

YOUNG.—On the 31st, May at 79 Lynton Avenue, West Ealing, Jesse Ashton Young of Waystead, formerly of Hongkong and Kobe.

SCHMIDT.—On July 4th at 12, Chatham Road, Kowloon, Caroline Johanne Georgine Schmidt, aged 81 years, the widow of the late William Schmidt, the mother of Mrs. B. R. Branch. Funeral will pass the monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JULY 5, 1923.

FORGOTTEN?

A consensus of opinion would probably decide that amongst the most tragic of our many tragic words that known as "forgotten" holds high place. It has remained for the London *Daily News* to stab us in our most vital part—our memory, and to remind us again how much our modern way of living and thinking tends to indifference and forgetfulness. "The good is interred with their bones." The shouting and the murmuring over the recent distribution of honours having died down, a London paper reminds us—who should need no reminder—that an injustice remains to be righted, and that soon, to Commander and Mrs. Haslewood. Apart from the merits or demerits of the Mui Tsai question, which at one time was a matter of divided constituency, and is by law now abolished, no one of reasonable mind can possibly deny that injustice

"Encore."

We are more or less familiar with this un-English word its meaning being demonstrated by the noise of vigorous clapping of the hands, or the more unseemly stamping of feet. The method is popular, the spoken word not always being understood, unless a certain story is "not according to Hoyle." "Hocore, hocore" yelled an excited gallery at a performance, to be met with the soothsaying rejoinder of another: "We don't want 'Hocore,' we want the same chap again!" That these demands for repetitions are often pernicious and selfish, very often inartistic, no one can reasonably dispute. Probably the present-day aspect of the encore is traceable to the smoking concert where it is an aid to the motif of sustained conviviality that is a part of the proceedings. It is only by some such hypotheso that we can understand the present tendency to give encore, very often of an inferior quality; also the fashion—happily violated by a few performers—of refraining to tell the audience what the encore is. A theatre or concert crowd would doubtless be surprised to be told it was selfish in demanding repetition of the thing that had pleased it, or an "extra" in the form of another song. But that is how the matter appears to us. More often than not it is shoddy that comes in for recognition. An artiste, trained to do these things, warbles coloratura stuff, or takes risks in soaring to giddy Parnassian regions, and sustaining a note that brings the face to a ruddy boiled beetroot hue. The fact, for that is what it is, is rapturously applauded, whilst the simpler but more profound things go by the board unrewarded. In the case of Operas, it is unquestionably inartistic. It is most provoking either during or at the conclusion of some love or death scene to have a storm of applause that seeks for a repeat, for the performers have either to release themselves from an enduring embrace or rise from a poignant death scene, to bow acknowledgments and often to go over again what has been given. It is sheer inartistry and should not be done. No one ever expects a scene or a dialogue in a play to be repeated—why then in an Opera? The matter seems to be one of crowd psychology, crowds doing things which as individuals they would never dream of doing. Why people when they get together should applaud indiscriminately, talk loudly, put their feet on rails and chairs, and come into, is beyond comprehension. The late coming at least should be eradicated. It can be done by refusing admittance to such people whilst an act or an item is in progress. Such a rule, rigidly observed, should prove salutary.

Today's Poem.
There was a youth who loved a maid.
His name was Alexander,
He wanted her to marry him—
A ring did Alex hand her,
And later they were truly wed.
Referring to the twain, they said:
"Why there goes Alex-and-hor—
Oregon Ag. Orange Peel.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENT.

July 5.—Comet Théâtre, Violinist in "The Off Shore Pirate";
July 5.—World Theatre, Leah Baird in "When Husbands Deceive" and "The Release of Linchen's Captives";
July 5.—Star Theatre, Grand Italian Opera Co., "Madame Butterfly"; 9 p.m.;
July 6.—Star Theatre, Grand Italian Opera Co., "The Barber of Seville"; 9 p.m.;
SPORTS MEETING.

July 6.—V.R.C. night fete at 9 p.m., wet or fine.

July 7.—Extra Gymkhana of the Hongkong Jockey Club at Happy Valley.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

July 9.—Lammert Bros., Hongkong Motor Cycle Exchange stock in trade in Separate lots, No. 40 Coronation Road, Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.

July 11.—Lammert Bros., at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, at 3 p.m., a large quantity of wines, spirits and malt liquors.

July 12.—Lammert Bros., Electrical Equipment, Old promises of the Hongkong Electric Co., Wing Fung St., Wan Chai, 8 p.m.

COMPANY MEETING.

July 7.—Extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Hide & Leather Co., Ltd., at 6/6 Stephenson's Building, Des Voeux Road, 12.15 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Alterations are proceeding at Messrs. Mountie and Co.'s store which will give more space and allow their business to be dealt with greater dispatch.

A Reuter cable from London today reports that several pieces of Chinese porcelain fetched over a thousand guineas a piece at Christie's, notably a Kangxi vase which was sold for £4,800.

A bus service between Whitty Street, West Point, and the Ming Yuen Gardens, North Point, will soon be inaugurated. The latter place has been described as the Chinese equivalent of an open-air cabaret and large numbers frequent it during the summer evenings. A present only bus will be run but later the number will be increased to four.

A message to the *Daily Bulletin*, dated Peking July 4, reads: "It is understood that owing to friction which developed a short time ago, Peru had contemplated deporting all Chinese and severing commercial relations with China. It is now semi-officially stated that the Chargé d'Affaires to Peru has wired to the Chinese Government reporting that as the result of negotiations the situation had been cleared up, and that Peru had decided not to adopt the intended action.

The returns of notifiable diseases for the week ending June 30 follow, the figure in brackets indicating deaths: plague 12 (12); small-pox 33 (29); scarlet fever 4; enteric 6 (6); paratyphoid 2; meningitis 3 (5 including 2 from previous year); two deaths from puerperal fever and one from fever of patients in last week's returns. Except two British (who died of enteric) and one with paratyphoid all affected are Chinese. Two Chinese cases of small-pox were reported in the returns for Tuesday. The figures for the 24 hours ended yesterday are: plague 4; small-pox 1; diphtheria 1; enteric 2; and meningitis 1. All patients are Chinese except the diphtheria (European) and one enteric patient (British).

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The first-class Chia Ho has been conferred upon Sir Gomes da Costa, K.C.M.G., the Portuguese military leader who was recently in Hongkong.

Don't Neglect Your Family.
When your fall is provided for, your family will be safe. At this time of the year, the family is at its greatest risk. Don't neglect your family. If you are not protecting them, as you should, you are being negligent. It is too dangerous a mistake to be taken with. The family's time is the time of the family. A family that is not protected is a family that is not safe. If this is the case, it is not safe. It may mean an addition to the main service found in the valley.

JULY FOURTH.

AMERICAN COMMUNITY'S
CELEBRATION.

No more fitting demonstration of the old proverb that blood is thicker than water could be evinced than that shown at the Hongkong Hotel last evening when Briton and American joined as one in celebrating the great event of the American nation.

Under star-spangled banners and the red, white and blue the throng danced to the strains of the excellent orchestra and while it was easy to pick out the representatives of each great nation it was difficult to say whether the Briton or American was enjoying himself more than the other. At any rate all who had the pleasure of participating in the event were radiant.

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FAUST.

STEEL GRIP.

RUHR CORDON STILL TIGHTER.

STATE OF SIEGE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

COLOGNE, July 5.

The cordon round the Ruhr occupied territories has been as close as possible. There are stationary patrols within sight of each other, while flying patrols are engaged in preventing evasion through fields and by-paths.

Severe restrictions on Aix-la-Chapelle include prohibition of the use of taxicabs by Germans. The only motor vehicles allowed are doctors' cars and milk-distributing lorries.

It is reliably understood that the hostages taken in connection with the Duisburg explosion are being subjected to the severest prison discipline. They are not permitted to receive any visits whatsoever and are only allowed the ordinary prison food.

The French have suspended the Dusseldorf deputy Nachrichten for three months. Martial law at Duisburg has been extended to include Ruhrtal, Mulheim, Oberhausen and Hamborn which have been entirely cut off.

PAYING OUR DEBTS.

WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE.

AMERICAN OBLIGATIONS.

LONDON, July 4. In the House of Commons, speaking to the third reading of the Budget, Mr. Joynson-Hicks, Parliamentary Secretary of the Board of Trade, stated that £490,000,000 had been paid off the debt since 1920. We were now rid of all foreign debts except the American one.

The Premier, Mr. Baldwin, declared that the Government's economic policy consisted of aiming at stabilisation of prices. He expressed the opinion that the time had not yet come to restore the gold standard.

The Budget passed the third reading by 249 to 235 votes.

HISTORIC EVENT.

BRITISH TARS CELEBRATE FOURTH.

MINGLE WITH AMERICANS.

PORTRLAND, July 5. Detachments of blue jackets and marines from H.M.S. "Curlew" participated in the Independence Day celebrations here. They marched past the President side by side with American naval and military detachments.

The "Curlew" fired the presidential salute of six guns. Her staff officers sat on the presidential stand. Mr. Harding, in a speech, declared that the participation of the "Curlew's" men in the celebrations was an historic event without precedent.

[H.M.S. "Curlew" was formerly attached to the China Station.]

DUTCH EAST INDIES.

FRIGHTENING FOREIGN CAPITAL.

THE HAGUE, July 5. A report was read in the Second Chamber of the States General on a bill for the continuation of the duty on agricultural products from the Indies during 1923 and the introduction of a duty on petrol.

Many deputies objected to both measures. They considered that too heavy taxation was driving away much needed foreign capital.

NOVA SCOTIA STRIKE.

SYMPATHY MOVEMENT.

SYDNEY, NOVA SCOTIA, July 4. Eight thousand coal miners in the Cape Breton district have struck in sympathy with the steel workers.

[Troops were despatched to Cape Breton, where 4,000 striking steel workers stood the police, knocked down and stunned the magistrate reading the Riot Act and subsequently raided and seriously damaged the Empire Steel Corporation Works.]

SALVAGING AUSTRIA.

HOLLAND'S DELEGATE.

THE HAGUE, July 4. The Government has appointed Dr. Patyn, former Secretary-General of the Foreign Ministry, Minister Plenipotentiary for Holland on the control committee constituted by virtue of the protocol dealing with the financial and economic reconstruction of Austria.

EMPIRE PREFERENCE.

NEW ZEALAND'S LEAD.

WELLINGTON, July 4. During the Budget statement the Premier, Mr. Massey, announced that it was proposed to abolish the duty on tea in bulk from British Dominions and to reduce the duty on tea in packets; also, the duty on foreign tea 3d. per lb.

OBITUARY.

MRS. CAROLINE SCHMIDT.

OLD HONGKONG RESIDENT.

Hongkong lost one of its oldest residents yesterday when Mrs. Caroline Schmidt died at her home in Chatham Road Kowloon. Mrs. Schmidt, who was 81, was the widow of the late Mr. William Schmidt and the mother of Mr. B. R. Branch.

Born in Holstein, she was married in Hongkong at the German chapel in 1879. A few months after she had become a widow in 1895 her son Hermann, aged 15, died and her only surviving relative is her daughter Henrietta who is the wife of Capt. Branch, the Official Measure.

Mrs. Schmidt, who had spent 55 years in the East without ever going away from it, had been in fairly good health until quite recently. As her age advanced she unfortunately became deaf and this was responsible for keeping her a good deal at home.

For many years after the death of her husband she and her daughter carried on the gunsmith's shop in Beaconsfield Arcade. During the war she was one of the first to volunteer for sewing and knitting when Lady May called for helpers and her week's output put many a younger person to shame.

Of a retiring nature, she was always ready to help anybody in trouble. The deepest sympathy will be extended to Mrs. Branch in her bereavement.

The funeral takes place to-day, passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

MR. G. A. YOUNG.

The many friends in the Far East of Mr. Jesse Ashton Young will learn with regret of his death in England on May 31.

The late Mr. Young joined the local office of Messrs. Shewan Tones in 1905 and remained in Hongkong until 1917. Latterly he was authorised to sign the firm's name. In 1917 he was appointed to succeed the late Mr. H. G. Green (who was transferred to Bombay where he died) as Manager of the firm's branch in Kobe. In 1919 Mr. Young retired and has lived in the suburbs of London since.

Mr. Young was very prominent in local Masonic circles, being a member of the Victoria Lodge, and whilst in Hongkong was a leading member of the Cathedral Choir. He was a member of the Philharmonic Society Committee.

THE BLUE PETER.

INTERESTING TRAVEL MAGAZINE.

Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co. have been good enough to send us a copy of "The Blue Peter" which has raised our hopes anew on the question of good literature produced in pleasing form. The magazine is handy in size and is printed on art paper. The result is that the photographic illustrations with which the magazine abounds are clear and artistic. The cover bears a reproduction of a painting of the a.s. "Rotona". Inside are scenes from Egypt, India and Australia, all most pleasing to the eye. The literary matter is exceptionally good. Beginning with an essay on "The Summer in Egypt" there is reading matter for all tastes. The fourth of a series of articles on the growth of the Empire takes pride of place. Richard Hakluyt is the subject of an informative essay. "Suicide's Wind" by Ruth Alexander is an interesting short story, very well done, whilst the third episode of the League of Laughter is amusing. The peoples of Australia and Sydney Harbour have their own distinctive appeal, and on top of all this there are brief book and play reviews.

WATER SUPPLY.

POSITION NOW DEEMED SATISFACTORY.

LAST MONTH'S FIGURES.

The total rainfall for June, according to the figures supplied to the P. W. D. by the Royal Observatory, was 15.72 inches against an average of 15.93. An average rainfall for the first six months of the year is 39.15 inches. This year the fall has been 20.27, so that to reach normal the July rainfall should reach 23.66, the average for the month being 13.78.

However Hongkong's share of rain is probably better than the Observatory figures indicate, as the Botanic Gardens' record for June was 18.51 or 4.77 inches better. At the end of June the storage on the Hongkong side amounted to 571 million gallons, the Kowloon figures being 210 million, which the Water Authority considers satisfactory.

LOCAL SOCIAL WORK.

HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IN DUE.

WHY MISS PITTS GOT THE M.B.E.

In connection with the Reuter dispatch announcing that the Daily News apropo the M.B.E. conferred on Miss Pitts, presumably for service to obtain the abolition of *Mui Tsai* in Hongkong, a *China Mail* reporter called upon Mr. J. M. Wong, Chairman of the local Anti-*Mui Tsai* Society.

Mr. Wong expressed the opinion that the message regarding Miss Pitts was incorrect. "Miss Pitts of the Anglican Mission," he said, "was most probably decorated for her work on the commission to enquire into child labour in factories in the Colony. The enquiry was held under the regime of Sir Henry May. Coupled with the facts that Miss Pitts was never identified to any extent with the movement to abolish *Mui Tsai* and her long and useful career as a social mission worker, and as head of the Eye Refuge after the death of Miss Eye, I feel sure the Daily News is misinformed with regard to the reasons behind the bestowal of the M.B.E. on Miss Pitts."

"If any decorations are to be bestowed for work done to suppress *Mui Tsai*, Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs. Haslewood should be the first to obtain recognition. Provided the consent of the Haslewoods is obtained, I am strongly in favour of a petition being presented to His Majesty King George praying for redress for the injustice done the principals in this splendid fight, to quote the Daily News."

MR. G. A. YOUNG.

WHERE BETTER?

GAMING IN NEW A. P. C. BUILDING.

EXCITING POLICE RAID.

The new Asiatic Petroleum Co. building now being erected at the corner of Queen's Road and Wyndham Street, seems to be having an exciting time.

Not long ago, Revenue Officers raided the place to find raw opium being boiled on the very top of the skeleton structure. The culprits easily made good, their escape while the revenue men were clinging precariously to the scaffolding.

Since then the building has made further progress and it is not so difficult now to get up and down.

Shortly after yesterday, Detective Sergeant A. L. Neal, with a batch of Chinese detectives, carried out a gambling raid. When they reached the fifth floor, the police saw a game of *fan tau* going on with about fifty workmen playing. The gamblers scattered, the majority risking their lives by jumping into the fourth floor. Some slid down the poles or climbed the steel joists. Not wishing to drive the men to take rash risks, the police satisfied themselves with arresting the banker and five others.

Mr. C. D. Melbourne, this morning, fined the leader \$25 and the others \$2 each.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

Yesterday a Chinese girl who lives at Burrow Street was knocked down by a motor-car owned by Mr. Ellis. She died after removal.

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| "DEVANHA" | 6,093 | 25th July | MAMANIBELLS, Gib, L'don & A'werp. |
| "SOUDAN" | 6,696 | 4th Aug. | Spore, Penang Col'bo & B'bay. |
| "KHIVA" | 6,017 | 8th Aug. | B'bay, M'les, Gib, L'don, A'werp. |
| "KASHMIR" | 8,841 | 2nd Aug. | MAMKILLELS, Gib, L'don & A'werp. |
| "SICILIA" | 6,613 | 26th Aug. | Spore, Penang Col'bo & Bombay. |
| "MACEDONIA" | 10,512 | 7th Sept. | B'bay, M'les, Gib, L'don, A'werp. |
| "DONGOLA" | 6,656 | 21st Sept. | MAMKILLELS, Gib, L'don & A'werp. |
| "MANTUA" | 10,902 | 8th Oct. | B'bay, M'les, Gib, L'don & A'werp. |
| "KARMAL" | 9,783 | 10th Oct. | MAMKILLELS, Gib, L'don & A'werp. |

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| S. S. | Tons | From Hongkong (about) | Destination |
|-----------|-------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| "TANDA" | 6,956 | 10th July | Singapore, Penang & Calcutta |
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6. - D. L. Hatchong.

6. - O.S.N. Waisheng.

8. - O.S.K. Kaito Maru.

8. - O.S.K. Hatchong.

10. - D. L. Hatchong.

10. - C. N. Kaito Maru.

13. - D. L. Haifong.

16. - O.S.K. Amakusa Maru.

AMOY.

July 6. - O.S.K. Soshu Maru.

6. - D. L. Hatchong.

8. - O.S.K. Kaito Maru.

10. - D. L. Hatchong.

10. - C. N. Kaito Maru.

13. - C. S. H. Amakusa Maru.

FOOCHOW.

July 6. - D. L. Hatchong.

10. - D. L. Haifong.

13. - D. L. Haifong.

TAKAO.

July 6. - O.S.K. Soshu Maru.

16. - O.S.K. Kaito Maru.

SHANGHAI.

July 6. - O.N. Waisheng.

7. - O.N. Shantung.

8. - B. P. C. Lopez Y. Lopez.

8. - O.S.N. Kwongshing.

8. - C. N. Kwongshing.

9. - B. P. S. D'Acosta.

10. - P. M. Pro. Grant.

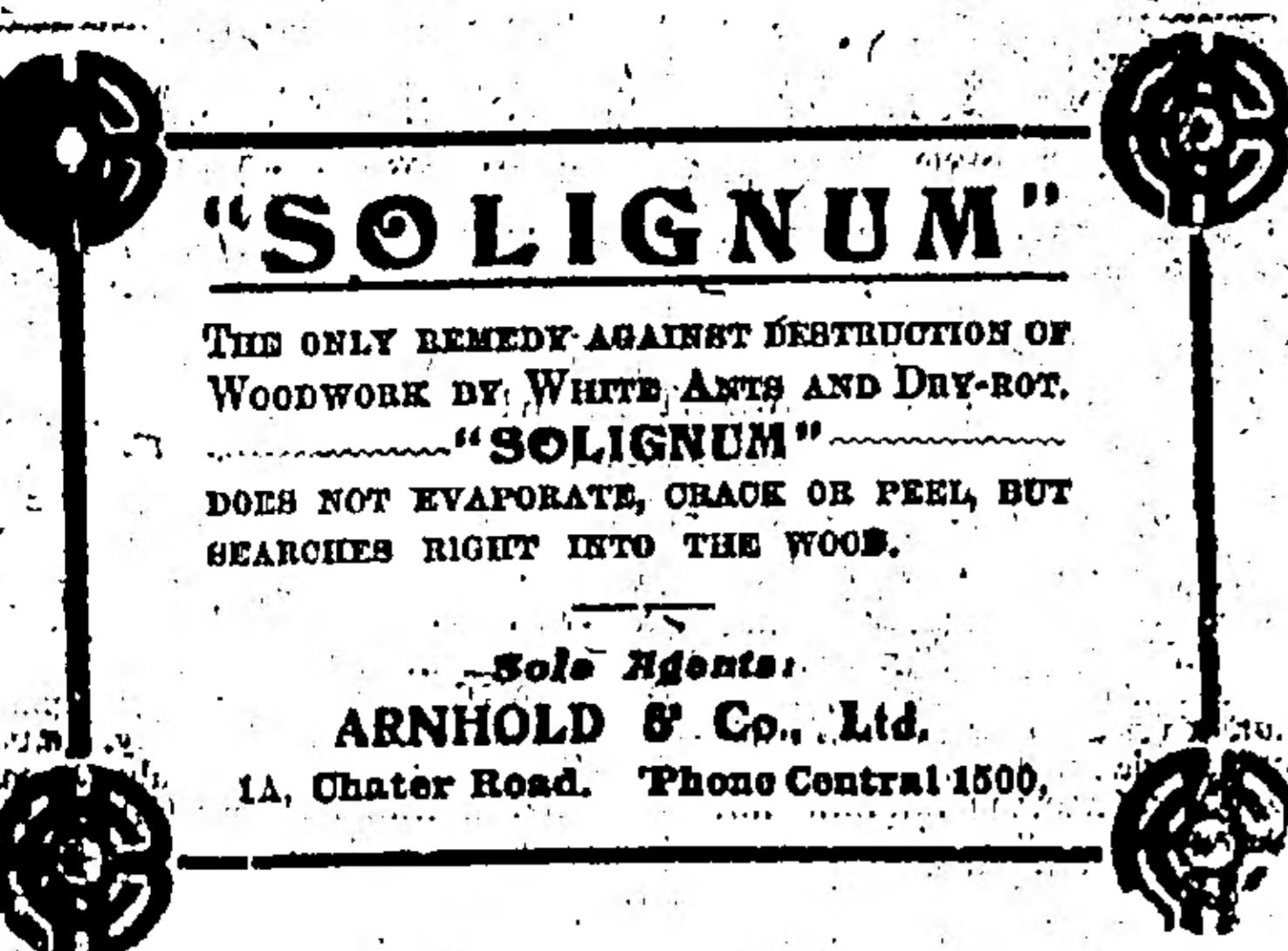
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BETTING CRAZE.

REMARKABLE EVIDENCE IN TAX INQUIRY.

Remarkable evidence has been given in the course of the Betting Tax inquiry as to the widespread nature of betting and its increasing vogue among women.

A chief constable states that the present law operates unfairly against the working classes, and that it is of little value as a preventive of betting.

The first public sitting of the Select Committee set up by the Government to inquire into the proposal to place a tax on betting took place at the House of Commons last week, Mr. Cauntley, K.C., in the chair.

The first witness was Mr. O. F. Dawson, assistant legal adviser to the Home Office.

He explained the legal aspect of the question, and described the various acts passed to deal with the problem of betting.

Mr. Cauntley—The general result is that the law of betting is rather in a chaotic condition?

I think so, was the reply of witness, who added—I do not think anybody can say that the policy of the Legislature has been distinguished by consistency.

Witness agreed that the Post Office gave special facilities for conducting the business of betting.

EACH CASE DIFFERENT.

The witness said that everything depended on the facts of each case. It was difficult to give a definite answer on a point which had not been the subject of a direct legal decision.

Mr. Dawson agreed that in the case of a club there was nothing to prevent members betting to an unlimited amount on a game of cards played by other members.

The Chairman—And in a private house one can bet to one's heart's content?—Yes.

It is open to this criticism, that a rich man can get credit to his heart's content, and get away without penalties?—If he goes the right way about it.

While the poor man, who bets in the street, goes to prison?—That is rather the tendency.

Witness referred to the Ready Money Football and Betting Act of 1920 as not very great importance.

IMPORTANCE OF AN UMBRELLA.

Replying to Mr. Hughes, witness said a book-maker who merely stood in the same position throughout a race meeting was not held to be bringing himself within the law.

The Chairman—if he put up an umbrella or stood on a box he would. (Laughter.)

Witness was not prepared to say it was impossible to prosecute a bookmaker on a racecourse. It was still possible for him to conduct business in such a way as to bring him within the law. A bookmaker had been convicted for putting up an umbrella and standing on a box.

The Chairman suggested that the Home Office should supply a memorandum on such questions as to whether, if bookmakers could attend racecourses, they could also attend football matches, and, if so, whether they would be liable to prosecution, or whether the proprietors of the grounds were liable, and also the question of boxing matches held in an enclosed building.

Witnesses undertook to supply such a memorandum.

BETTING IN A WORKSHOP.

Sir A. Butt also asked the position in regard to betting carried out by a man at a works or factory. Would such an act be liable?—Witness agreed to deal with this question also in the memorandum.

Deputy-Superintendent Ernest Thompson, of the City of London Police, said that a considerable amount of betting was going on on licensed premises where bookmakers resorted. Within a square mile in the city there were between 100 and 150 public-houses, and he computed betting transactions were conducted in about half of them. A licence usually objected to these came from bookmakers.

Dealing with street betting, Superintendent Thompson said a considerable amount of this still went on.

MORE SCHOOLS.

KOWLOON NEEDS EMPHASIZED.

EDUCATION ESTIMATES.

At the Board of Education meeting, yesterday afternoon, the estimates for next year were discussed at some length.

The Director of Education (the Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving) presided and there were also present the Rev. Fr. H. Valtorta, Dr. Wan Man-ka, and Messrs. B. Wylie, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, A. F. B. Silva Neto, Rumjahn, S. W. Tso, E. Ralphs (Inspector of English Schools), R. A. D. Forrest (acting Inspector of Vernacular Schools) and Y. P. Law (Secretary).

Mr. Irving said it was quite impossible for him to give details of all the increases in the estimates. He had made notes of the more important points and these were before the Board. He thought it would be sufficient if he answered any questions members desired to put.

In regard to the appointment of Mr. G. P. de Marini, M.B.E., B.A., as an additional Inspector of Schools, Mr. Wylie expressed approval, pointing out that the Inspectors of Schools, particularly the Inspector of English Schools, were engaged at the present time in far too much office work. He welcomed the appointment because it gave the Inspectors greater opportunity for visiting schools and advising the teachers. Mr. Wylie also thought that the Government might provide a motor car for the use of the Department.

The Director of Education felt that Mr. Ralphs was doing much more outside work than he was inside work. On the question of a motor car there was nothing he would like better, but he was afraid His Excellency would not approve of it.

Mr. Wylie: I would be more optimistic if I were you, Sir.

Mr. Dowbiggin asked how the Inspector got to the schools now.

The Director of Education replied mainly by ricksha.

Mr. Dowbiggin: A car is quicker than a ricksha.

The Director of Education: Quite.

Most of the journeys are of short distance: I do not know if when we get these famous taxi-cars, we shall be able to make any use of the.

MORE TEACHERS NEEDED.

The Director of Education mentioned that he was asking for an additional five students, making 35 in all for training at the University.

The students passed the Matriculation examination and the Government paid their fees whilst at the University, with the view to their becoming masters when they had completed their education there.

With regard to assistant masters he had asked for an increase from 15 to 24 and 15 additional mistresses.

These were necessary in order to bring the establishment up to full strength. The assistant masters had long been overdue and they had not been able to get them in sufficient numbers.

The assistant mistresses were largely to replace local temporary teachers. During the past two years they had to supplement the staff by local teachers. It was desirable that they should have

as many buildings were going at

at Mongkoktsui that it was

changing fast. Another school was needed out Kowloon

City way. Mr. Wylie also

pointed out that no provision had

yet been made for a girls' school

in Kowloon. He could imagine what

the excuse would be; there was no

question that the real reason was

that the Public Works Department,

by reason of its present organisation,

was handicapped in undertaking

the work. While educational

authorities at Home could not

proceed with building schemes for

want of money, the Government

here could not proceed for want of

men. "We have the money but we

cannot spend it quickly enough,"

Mr. Wylie said. There was, to his

mind, a partial solution of the

difficulty.

A SCOTTISH EXAMPLE.

Mr. Wylie proceeded to read an

excerpt from the Scottish Education Department's Report for 1922-23, in which it was stated: "The

gaps in school supply, which the

proposed works were designed to

fill naturally not all been left

entirely blank. To a considerable

extent, immediate requirements

have been met by the utilisation

of Army huts, which cost little

and can be put up at comparatively small cost. These

constructions ought not, perhaps,

to be regarded as more than a

make-shift. But the employment

of make-shifts, on the total

omission of what is required,

are not only means of economy.

By the adoption of a cheap-style

of building, two schools may be

built, and are being built, at little

more than the cost of one. Strong-

holds of the "last-for-ever" type

are out of vogue and of the new

buildings which are being actually

erected, the great majority are of

a light "semi-permanent" type.

It will be some consolation for

the present unfortunate state of

affairs if the lessons learned under

the teaching of necessarily lead to

the evolution of an improved type

of school building, not only

cheaper and more readily replaced

to meet altered requirements, but

actually superior in other respects

to those put up before the last

PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY.

Discussing the vote of \$8,300 for Physics and Chemistry, Grants to Grant Schools, Mr. Wylie said: he took it the grants referred to St. Joseph's College and the Diocesan Boys' School. He noted with surprise that no provision was made for physics and chemistry to be taught at Kowloon British School. He was not disclosing a secret when he said that the matter had already been discussed and his impression was that it had already received the Director of Education's approval. The absence of a vote, therefore, for this purpose, caused him to feel a little uneasy. In granting votes to St. Joseph's College and the Diocesan Boys' School the Education Department had agreed to the principle that physics and chemistry formed part of the education of the modern youth. The fact that those interested in these two schools were willing to pay part of the expenditure was surely a recognition on their part that they realised the necessity of it. If the tutors of Chinese and Portuguese boys were prepared to help pay for this education, should it require "special pleading" on his part to obtain the same necessities for British boys? He trusted that before the estimates went to the Government there would be included in them a sum sufficient to start physics and chemistry in Kowloon British School.

Mr. Dowbiggin remarked that the difficulty was that very few boys stayed at the Kowloon British School long enough for them to go to the University.

The Director of Education ex-

pressed himself as strongly in

favour of physics and chemistry

being taught at Kowloon British

School. He thought there were

enough boys to teach it there and

he hoped an item would be put in

this year's estimates to cover the

cost. A Sub-Committee of the

Board had already recommended

it and he thought it would be as

well if the Board confirmed it.

MORE SCHOOLS.

Mr. Wylie, speaking of the con-

struction of new schools, said he

noted that Queen's College and

Saiyingpun School were to be pro-

ceeded with and that new build-

ings were promised for Kowloon

School Senior and Victoria British

School. They were also to be ex-

pected in the dim and distant

future secondary schools in suitable

centres, schools at which there

would be no co-education. "We

are certainly getting on, Sir, in

theory," Mr. Wylie remarked.

I note also that there is some slight

possibility of new buildings being

erected at Tsing Long and Cheung

Chau, but the tone of your remarks,

Sir, is of so pessimistic a

note that I am afraid it will

be a case of live horse and you will

get grass. This should not be so.

The Government, in the matter of

school accommodation is certainly

not keeping pace with the needs of

the community. "In Kowloon alone, we require to-day at least

three new schools." Only the other

day when visiting Yau Ma Tei School

he made enquiries and was informed

that at the beginning of the

year they had to turn away someth-

ing like 150 who would have

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COMMERCIAL

HONGKONG NOTES AND COMMENT.

PIECEGOOD ACTIVITY.

Some of the piecegoods ordered for this fall have already arrived in the Colony, which is considered a little earlier than usual. Ordinarily, this would not have much effect on the market but this year dealers have commenced trading in winter goods. Some of the standard lots and especially well-known chaps have changed hands. However, it appears as if a little speculation has been going on as a few lots known to be favoured were sold several times. In Hongkong piecegoods business—as far as the Chinese dealer is concerned—*bona fide* business is confined to sales by the large dealers (who indent through the European firms) to customers who either re-export the goods to South China or dispose of them retail in the Colony. During the last few days, a few brokers have had considerable patronage in order to buy and then re-sell. These transactions are undoubtedly more or less in the nature of a gamble although there is an explanation that they are feelers as to the trend business will take. Original holders all managed to dispose of their lots at a fair to good profit.

EXPORT.

Quite a number of the Chinese export dealers report that there have been enquiries for feathers, rattan-core, aniseed-oil, etc. These are the smaller items of China produce exported, but nevertheless, cultivated by the more conservative firms, as there is always a steady demand for them. Regular shipments are made by exporters with connections, in the nature of routine work. It is reported that a lot of aniseed oil has just been sold for London at about \$86 on the customary terms and qualifications.

JAPANESE GOODS.

Despite the many announcements to be seen regarding the proposed boycott of Japanese goods, there seems to be no sign of reduction in the import of small sundries and paper in the Colony for use in South China. Manifests of ships coming in from Japan and river boats for Canton, etc. still comprise a great many items of manufactured sundries, in addition to the "marine delicacies" used to a large extent by the Chinese.

COMPANY MEETING.

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO., LTD.

The 20th ordinary annual general meeting of shareholders in the North China Insurance Co., Ltd., was held at Shanghai, last week. Mr. H. Martin Little presided, supported by Messrs. Wm. P. Lambie, P. W. Massey, F. A. Kearton, F. R. Scott (Directors), and H. G. Simms, general manager, and other shareholders.

The Chairman said:—The results for the year 1921 are highly satisfactory notwithstanding the difficult conditions which existed as a result of trade depression and high running cost. After paying an interim dividend of 15 per cent, and a bonus to contributors of 20 per cent, the balance at credit of working account 1921, on 31st December, 1922, is Tls. 460,506.25, and your Directors recommend that this balance be dealt with as follows:

A final dividend of 15 per cent, and the remainder to be transferred to underwriting reserve account, closing the account for 1921.

As regards working account, 1922, continued depression in trade and keen competition for what business there was still continued to be factors influencing our results, but it is satisfactory to note that there is some evidence this year of a return to a more normal experience. The balance at credit on 31st December, 1922, was Tls. 669,395.81 and it is proposed to pay out of this an interim dividend of 15 per cent, and a bonus to contributors of 20 per cent, and carry the remainder forward.

Our reinsurance fund stands at the same figure as last year, while there is a substantial increase in our underwriting reserve account.

Exchange and fluctuation account shows a reduction compared with last year, which is due to our book rate of exchange being taken at 3/5 against a book rate exchange of 4/5.

The general improvement in the market value of high class securities referred to at our last annual general meeting has been maintained, and the market value is substantially in excess of the value at which our securities appear in the Company's books.

SHANGHAI TRADE.

The N. J. Daily News of June 30 says:—

The majority of people again have been very satisfied with the course of business this week, for if it did not improve, at least, there was no appreciable falling off.

good-feeling continues in the piecegoods trade and some active speculation is beginning in the new lines just coming on.

PIECEGOODS.

Dealers are clamouring in the indent market for all stuff as it arrives and even have shown a readiness to pay fair advances. Lower exchange, however, makes forward business rather more of a gamble. The under-tone is very firm.

COTTON, YARN, ETC.

Local Cotton.—The market now is very steady and the latest quotations are:

Tungchow Tls. 40.50

Shanghai 37.50

Shensi 39.50-41.00

Hankow 37.00

Yarn.—A few sales have been reported on an improved market, but business still is very slow.

American Cotton.—After a week in which advances were more general, the New York market now is steady and the quotations on Thursday were:

Spot 28.55 cents.

October 27.80

December 24.90

January 24.38

March 24.05

March 24

The Liverpool market also is steady and the quotations on Thursday were:—Middling American cotton, spot, 16.31d.; July, 15.18d.; October, 13.63d.

Indian Cotton.—In sympathy with the other markets, that at Bombay also is steady. Thursday's quotations were:—Bengal (July), Rs. 44; Oomra (December/January), Rs. 43; Broach (July/August), Rs. 52.

LIVERPOOL EXPORTS.

The following are details of cotton goods entered for export from the port of Liverpool during the week ending May 26:—

(1000's omitted)

PIECEGOODS

Bombay 1,040 603

Calcutta 10,400 780

Karachi 5,528 1,104

Ceylon 348 223

Rangoon 568 364

Straits Settlements 856 202

HONGKONG 115 59

Shanghai 1,822 883

Japan 12 64

Africa W.C. 1,007 1,012

Egypt 1,718 2,070

Turkey 1,260 1,071

Australia and N.Z. 685 1,084

Argentina 1,072 1,380

U.S.A. 1,075 888

Total all markets 85,010 17,028

Total previous week 42,351 19,558

Total month of April 42,351 19,558

(all ports) 204,214 112,064 10,693

THE CHINESE LOAN.

Mr. Birch Crisp's negotiations for a loan to China were discussed at the meeting of the holders of the bonds, presided over by Mr. Crisp, Chinese 8 per cent. "Marconi" and

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

PIECEGOODS.

Kaifu Mtsu (O.S.K.) from Keelung, Swatow—Co's Wharf, Hatching, (Douglas) from Foochow, Swatow—Co's Wharf.

Afifai, (Kwong O) from Fort Bayard, Macau—Co's Wharf.

Talszema, (Van Fat) from Kwong Chow Wan—Co's Wharf.

Haitan, (Man Ming) from Holoway—Yaumati.

Seistan, (Kuen Seng) from Salgon—B56.

Levant Arrow, (St. Oil) from San Francisco—Laichikok.

Kaiping, (Sing Kee) from Haliphong, Pakhoi—West Point.

Kiangau, (B. & S.) from Bangkok, Swatow—BII.

Tottori Maru, (N.Y.K.) from Yokohama, Shanghai—A30.

Taishun, (C.M.S.N.) from Shanghai—Co's Wharf.

Lok Sang, (J.M. & Co.) from Shanghai, Swatow—Co's Wharf.

Preussen, (Arnhold & Co.) from Foochow—A30.

Scheer, (R. Brockelman) from Hamburg, Singapore—K. Wharf.

DEPARTURES.

Taksang, (U. M. & Co.) for Newchwang, Swatow—July 5.

Murofan Maru, (N.Y.K.) for Calcutta, Singapore—July 5.

Van Cloo, (C.J.L.) for Amoy, Swatow—July 5.

Amherst, (On Fat) for Holoway—July 5.

Hydrangea, (Chin On) for Swatow—July 5.

Kaying, (B. & S.) for Singapore, Swatow—July 5.

Cyclops, (B. & S.) for Liverpool, Saigon—July 5.

Benvenue, (Gibb L.) for Yokohama, Shanghai—July 5.

Levant Arrow, (St. Oil) for Kankei—July 5.

Jade, (Kai Yu) for Haliphong, Pakhoi—July 5.

Preussen, (Arnhold) for Hamburg, Manila—July 5.

SHIPPING.

CARGO INSURANCE MARKET.

Whitsun vacation. Tonnage on the spot is not plentiful, and a handy boat at Rosario secured the recent maximum of 36s. id., followed by 31s. 3d. for June. Present indications are on the basis of 28s. od. for early June. Shippers in Montreal have secured cheaper space, at down to 19s. 3d. for Mediterranean and 22s. cents for Greece, but nothing transpired from the Range. American coal rates were decided by easier sailing competition of grain, and for the French Atlantic several steamers were fixed at from \$3 down to \$2.50, with West Italy represented at from \$3.75 to \$3.65, as against \$4 a week ago.

In the East India hold steady at around 28s. 6d. on d.w. from Bombay or Karachi and 27s. scale terms from Karachi. The supply of tonnage during the war has remained there ever since. Apparently carriers, especially in the United States and Canada, delight in handling a bale of piece goods with the aid of double pronged hooks, and the underwriter pays for the inevitable damage. Another matter which is seriously troubling underwriters is the large number of claims on parcel post traffic directly attributable to negligence on the part of foreign Customs officials in reclosing packages after examination. This particular example of carelessness is most common in a few Continental countries and in most of the States of South America. There cannot be much doubt that watchfulness on the part of consignees, with frequent protests to the people concerned whenever flagrant instances of mishandling of cargo occur, would have beneficial results, but so long as the only action taken by consignees is the provision of extravagant claims the evil is bound to spread.

Underwriters are somewhat apprehensive of the conditions at present ruling in Bulgaria. The preparations which the Bulgarian Government are reported to be making for war against the Macedonians bode no good for the safety of traffic moving to Bulgarian destinations or to Salonica. So far, there does not appear to be any additional war rate charged on cargo to these destinations, but underwriters are watching their commitments very carefully.

FREIGHTS.

Chartering operations have marked a further contraction both in outward and homeward connections, and the position is far from favourable to owners. In the former trade the inquiry for coal tonnage is now on hand-to-mouth proportions and is likely to remain so until after the approaching holidays, and as boats are offering more plentiful rates, have further favoured shippers, though in the case of Mediterranean and South American discharge owners have successfully resisted additional cuts in rate.

A proposal for the formation of a committee of note-holders was carried unanimously. The committee is to consist of five members, two to represent the "Marconi" note-holders, and three the "Vicker" note-holders, presided over by Mr. Crisp.

Meanwhile the political uncertainty in Europe is regarded as the handicap to grain chartering from Montreal, Northern States, and the Plate, though in the case of the last-named the heavy loadings arranged recently for May are proceeding satisfactorily and the general opinion favours a revival after the

public at 29s. per cent.

Japanese shipping has almost completely recovered from the slump, and only eight steamers of more than 7,000 tons gross are still tied up, their total tonnage being 25,347. The Department of Communications reports that the number of tied-up vessels in the middle

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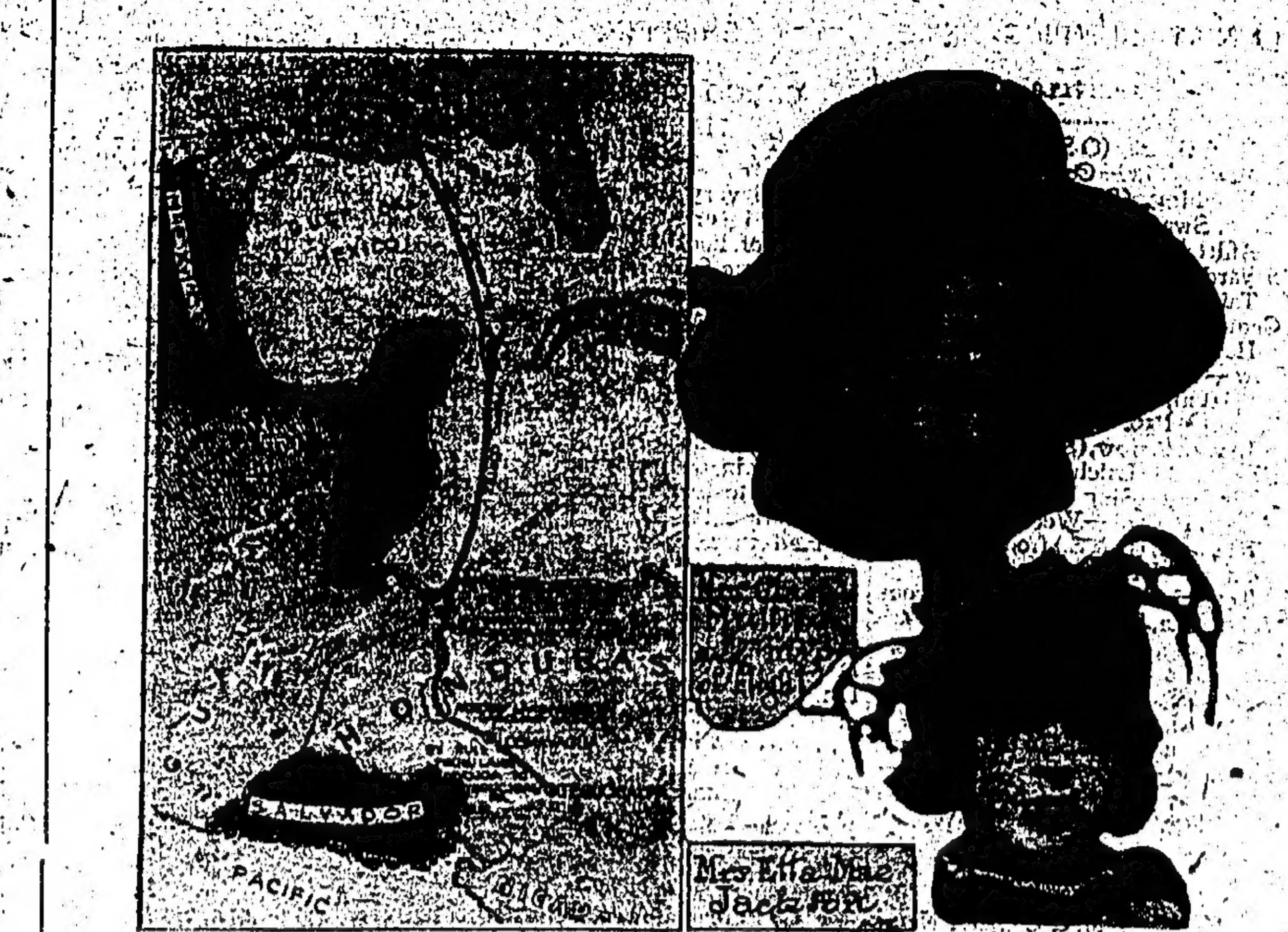
Among the American victims of the Chinese bandits who held up the Shanghai-Peking Railway were Major Roland W. Pinger, his wife, Mrs. Pinger, and their two children—Roland, Jr., 8, and Edward, 3. Mrs. Pinger and Edward were immediately released; Roland, Jr., was freed several days later, but Major Pinger was held captive.



Mr. and Mrs. Allan A. Ryan

George Maxwell.

Starting exposures, involving men and women at the top of the social ladder in New York, Philadelphia and Boston, are expected to follow the indictment, by a Grand Jury, of George Maxwell, immensely rich music publisher and President of the America Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. Maxwell, who is now in Europe, is hurrying home to combat charges made by Allan A. Ryan, financier and son of Thomas Fortune Ryan, that Maxwell is the Author of a series of letters received by Mr. Ryan, coupling Maxwell's name with that of Mrs. Allan A. Ryan in an uncomplimentary manner. Scores of other persons high in social life have received similar letters, coupling the names of women with that of Maxwell, and the charge is made that Maxwell himself wrote the letters. In Europe, Maxwell denied the charge intimating he himself had been a victim of the poison pen and that a woman wrote them.



Morris Layin, a newspaperman, has positively identified the woman held in the jail at Tegucigalpa, Honduras, as Clara Phillips and her "baby sister," Mrs. Ettie Mae Jackson. Mrs. Phillips escaped from jail in Los Angeles, where she was serving a life sentence for the brutal "stone age" hammer murder of Mrs. Alberto Meadows. She will soon be returned to the United States.



Arthur Kingsland, has married Hebe, an Irish girl, "Queen" of the Paris Minnequins, and he has started a violent agitation in the heart of Molyneaux, the famous French modiste, who declaims his famous model was his inspiration and that she can never be replaced. Kingsland had known the beauty for several years, but the marriage came as a distinct surprise in Paris.

Madam Tomas Jonescu, of Rumania, is shown entering the White House to present to President Harding a bound volume of her country's art, representing a collection of works from the sixteenth century, as a token of the gratitude of Rumania for American aid since the war.



L. G. Wechbaugh, is so impressed with the marvellous powers of the new drug, adrenalin, that he has offered to permit physicians to stop his heartbeats for five hours and then inject the restoring fluid into his heart muscles, firmly believing it would instantly restore his heart to its normal functioning.



Justice Hal P. Hughes is shown performing the ceremony that made Helen Satterwhite, seated beside him, the bride of Horace W. Keller, a sailor, who at the time of the marriage, was 2,000 miles away confined to his bed with pneumonia, in the naval hospital. A total of 46,000 miles of telephone wires were necessary for the uniting of the nuptials. The couple had been sweethearts since childhood and were engaged to be married, but his serious illness caused her desire to hasten the marriage before his death.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

RUHR DEADLOCK.

LONDON, July 3rd. Very little official information has been released concerning yesterday's separate conversations between Lord Curzon and the French and Belgian ambassadors. It is generally assumed that not much advance was made in the way of obtaining the desired French reply to the British questionnaire registered. Nevertheless the tension both in London and Paris has somewhat eased.

The *Daily Telegraph's* Diplomatic Correspondent states that at the close of the conversation between the French ambassador and Lord Curzon the latter, who was evidently disappointed with the unprecise nature of many "verbal elucidations" supplied, requested Comte Saint Antoine to obtain additional and more definite particulars. It is believed that this request does not displease the French. The line taken up by the Belgian Government, apparently, is more or less identical with that of the French.

It is expected that the conversations will continue for some days. The Cabinet meets to-day.

LIQUOR ON SHIPS.

LONDON, July 3rd. Advices from Southampton state that the British steamship companies have decided that, henceforth, they will carry liquor to the United States. The companies say that "tony" supplies now comes straight the fact that passengers will be able to obtain in America and to take aboard at New York considerable quantities of liquor for their use on the voyage to England.

JIMMY WILDE RETIRES.

NEW YORK, July 4th. Jimmy Wilde has announced his retirement from the ring. (Wilde until recently held the World's professional heavyweight championship. On June 19th of this year at New York the championship was wrested from him by Pancho Villa, the Filipino, who knocked him out in the seventh round.)

HEAVILY FINED.

BRUSSELS, July 4th. The Belgians have fined the town of Duisburg twenty million marks.

ANARCHY IN CHINA.

LONDON, July 3. The *Daily Telegraph* in a leading article following up its Diplomatic Correspondent's statements cabled yesterday, dwelt on the predominant importance of China for the development of new markets for British trade, once order restored. Even now the country possesses foundations of a flourishing, composite, and Hongkong is at present probably the most prosperous among Crown colonies. The paper is convinced that the Chinese will welcome measures which will conquer the existing anarchy.

Commenting on an article in the *Times*, a summary of which was cabled, on the 2nd inst., Sir John Jordan in a letter to the paper attributes the growing disregard for foreigners in China partly to the weakening of the solidarity of the Powers due to the European war. He doubts if the Tuchungs will show much respect for the suggested native railway police unless there is a stiffening of foreigners in the ranks, and both ends of the line are under foreign control.

STORMY WEDDING.

PARENTS' DISPUTE IN REGISTER OFFICE.

A young couple had a stormy wedding in face of parental disagreements in a London register office. Owing to arguments between the parents the marriage was postponed for nearly two hours.

A license for the marriage was obtained by a young man living at the Regent Palace Hotel, Piccadilly-circus, W. The bridegroom is Protestant, the bride a Jewess, and it was thought that by marrying in a civil office the religious difficulties could be got over.

The parents of both parties did not agree and arrived at the register office to try to persuade the couple to cancel the marriage, or wait until one of the parties had become a convert to the other's faith. The registrar left the parties alone to argue the matter out.

They argued until nearly 3 p.m., when the registrar warned the couple that time was getting short if they wanted to be married.

Leaving their parents in the inner office, the couple decided to get married, and the ceremony was performed. Meanwhile the arguments continued in the other room between the parents, but ended when the couple reappeared and announced that they were married.

For a moment there was a dead silence in the room—then appreciating the joke that had been played upon them, the bride's father shook the bridegroom by the arm and said: "Of course, you have acted it, but we were just coming to a decision."

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

VESSELS DUE.

FROM SINGAPORE.

July 17.—U.S.S.B. *West Prospect*.

FROM JAPAN.

July 6.—B. F. *Tyndareus*.

Sardona.

July 7.—B. F. *Sardona*.

FROM DALNY.

July 8.—J.C.J.L. *Tiltaroon*.

FROM BANGKOK.

July 9.—E.A. *Bintang*.

Banka.

July 10.—E.A. *Bintang*.

FROM JAVA.

July 7.—J.C.J.L. *Tiltaroon*.

FROM MANILA.

July 7.—U.S.S.B. *West Prospect*.

FROM SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

July 9.—E.A. *St. Albans*.16.—N.Y.A. *Aki Maru*.Aug. 9.—E.A. *Eastern*.Sept. 10.—E.A. *Arafa*.Oct. 8.—E.A. *St. Albans*.

FROM VANCOUVER.

July 15.—C.P.S. *Empress of Canada*.25.—B. F. *Protectorus*.Aug. 13.—B. F. *Achille*.Sept. 20.—B. F. *Philocetes*.Oct. 4.—B. F. *Tyndareus*.Nov. 22.—B. F. *Achilles*.

FROM PORTLAND.

July 8.—U.S.S.B. *West Cayo*.29.—U.S.S.B. *West O'Kawa*.

FROM NEW YORK.

Aug. 1.—B. F. *Hyson*.

FROM SEATTLE.

July 28.—B. F. *Protectorus*.Aug. 23.—B. F. *Achille*.Sep. 18.—B. F. *Philocetes*.

FROM LOS ANGELES.

July 16.—U.S.S.B. *West Ivan*.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

July 18.—U.S.S.B. *West Ivan*.

FROM EUROPEAN PORTS.

July 16.—N.Y.K. *Sowa Maru*.31.—J.O.I.L. *Sparax*.Aug. 25.—J.O.I.L. *Kertopono*.

FROM LONDON.

July 6.—B. F. *Laconian*.10.—G.L. *Glenbeck*.16.—P.O. *Kashim*.22.—P.O. *Soudan*.28.—P.O. *Macciona*.31.—G.L. *Gleanda*.41.—P.O. *Dengola*.13.—P.O. *Sicilia*.16.—G.L. *Gloshane*.25.—P.O. *Martua*.27.—G.L. *Pembroke*.Sept. 8.—P.O. *Karmala*.19.—P.O. *Kalyan*.17.—P.O. *Soudan*.24.—P.O. *Malwa*.28.—P.O. *China*.Nov. 9.—P.O. *Danica*.17.—P.O. *Kaiser I. Hind*.20.—P.O. *Shira*.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

July 6.—B. F. *Laomedon*.10.—G.L. *Sardona*.16.—P.O. *Yankee*.22.—B. F. *Cardanus*.22.—B. F. *Patroclus*.11.—P.O. *Leander*.15.—B. F. *Menelaus*.18.—B. F. *Mentor*.27.—B. F. *Perseus*.3.—B. F. *Hellenophon*.9.—B. F. *Mesicles*.

FROM HAMBURG.

July 19.—H. A. L. *Meunsterland*.

FROM COPENHAGEN.

July 10.—P.A. *Bolivia*.25.—P.A. *Australia*.Aug. 20.—P.A. *Java*.Oct. 10.—E.A. *Africa*.16.—E.A. *Chile*.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

16.—E.A. *China*.16.—E.A. *Great Britain*.16.—E.A. *India*.16.—E.A. *Italy*.16.—E.A. *Japan*.16.—E.A. *Portugal*.16.—E.A. *South Africa*.16.—E.A. *U.S.A.*16.—E.A. *U.S.S.R.*16.—E.A. *U.S.S.R.*

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